

# Special and Unique Missions



**GEORGIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

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The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) houses approximately 47,000 offenders. To accommodate the varying needs of the GDC offenders, the agency has created special and unique facilities which support the overall mission of the agency to operate safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

## SPECIAL MISSION FACILITIES: DIAGNOSTICS

### GEORGIA DIAGNOSTIC AND CLASSIFICATION STATE PRISON, *Jackson, Ga*

- Constructed in 1968
- Close security facility
- Houses up to 2,708 male offenders to include Under Death Sentence (UDS) offenders
- State court-ordered executions are carried out at GDCP
- Provides a Special Management Program
- Diagnostic facility
- All male offenders are processed through GDCP
- Approximately 500 offenders are processed each week
- Approximately 400 offenders are transferred out of the facility per week

### LEE ARRENDALE STATE PRISON, *Alto, Ga*

- Opened as a Prison in 1951; Renovated in 1999; Converted to a women's prison in 2005
- Close security facility
- Houses up to 1,714 female offenders
- Georgia's largest female facility
- Specializes in Probation Residential Substance Abuse Program, Juveniles, Education, Career Technical and Higher Education, Faith and Character
- Houses General Population, Supportive Living, Mental Health, Juveniles, Diagnostic Females
- Provides a Strategic Intervention Program
- Fire Station, Nation's only all-female firefighting team
- Diagnostic facility
- All female offenders are processed through Lee Arrendale State Prison



## SPECIAL MISSION FACILITIES: MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH

### AUGUSTA STATE MEDICAL PRISON, *Grovetown, Ga*

- Constructed in 1982
- Close security facility
- Houses up to 1,252 offenders
- Provides centralized acute care, special and severe medical services for both male and female offenders such as Dialysis services, palliative care, statewide tuberculosis clinic, oral surgery, surgical services, infirmary, accommodated living and pre-op and post-op
- Provides Level IV mental health (MH) services
- Provides Crisis Stabilization and Acute care for MH population
- Diagnostics
- Tier II Mental Health and In-Reach programs
- Serves as a sex offender release site

### BALDWIN STATE PRISON, *Hardwick, Ga*

- Constructed in 1976
- Close security facility
- Houses up to 925 offenders
- Provides Level IV mental health (MH) services
- Provides Crisis Stabilization and Acute care for MH population
- Supportive Living Unit for Mental Health Offenders

### PHILLIPS STATE PRISON, *Buford, Ga*

- Provides Crisis Stabilization and Acute care for MH population
- Supportive Living Unit for Mental Health Offenders
- Host facility for Atlanta Medical Center and Phillips TC

### HELMS FACILITY, *Atlanta, Ga*

- Opened in 1990
- Renovated in 2005 and 2011
- 100 bed dual gender institution
- Provides services for pregnant females and medically challenged males

## SPECIAL MISSION FACILITIES: OFFENDER REENTRY

### METRO REENTRY FACILITY, *Atlanta, Ga*

- Constructed in 1980, remissioned for women in 1992. Closed in 2011.
- Renovated in January 2017, Reopened May 1, 2018 as a reentry facility for male offenders
- Minimum and Medium security facility
- Houses up to 355 offenders
- Provides a secure environment, in collaboration with community stakeholder, that will offer essential services to returning citizens nearing release into the Metropolitan Atlanta community.

# UNIQUE MISSION FACILITIES

## BURRUSS CORRECTIONAL TRAINING CENTER, *Forsyth, Ga*

- Constructed in 1986
- Medium security facility
- Houses up to 808 male offenders
- Houses the majority of youthful offenders for the state
- Capacity for offenders sentenced as adults 17 years of age and at-risk youth offenders between 17-21 years of age
- Highly structured program with a military regimen
- Facility provides work and rehabilitation programs for 600 general population offenders
- Provides outside work details for the following locations: Georgia Public Safety Training Center, State Offices South at Tift College, City of Forsyth, Forsyth National Guard Armory, Forsyth Police Department, Forestry Department, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation and Weigh Station, Covington DOT, Mobile Construction, Georgia State Patrol, GDC, Care & Custody Warehouse, Jackson National Guard Armory, City of Barnesville, Butts County, and GDCP grounds and High-Max
- Host facility for West Central Integrated Treatment Facility

## COASTAL STATE PRISON, *Garden City, Ga*

- Constructed in 1981
- Medium security facility
- Houses up to 1,940 male offenders
- Provides diagnostic intake services for the Strategic Intervention Program (SIP) which consists of a boot camp, Intensive Reentry program and a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program (RSAT). In addition, there is a Probation RSAT program.
- Provides a Faith and Character based program
- Outside work detail for the DOT and Garden City

## WALKER STATE PRISON, *Rock Spring, Ga*

- Constructed in 1972, renovated in 2000
- Medium security facility
- Houses up to 444 male offenders
- Only Faith and Character based prison in the state
- Houses up to 200 Probation RSAT detainees within the Northwest RSAT Center
- Provides coursework through Miami International Theological Seminary (MINTS)
- Provides work details to Catoosa and Walker counties, and the City of Fort Oglethorpe

## PROGRAMS

### ACADEMIC

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- English as a second language (ESL)
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Literacy Remedial Reading
- Special Education
- Title I (class for offenders under 21)

### COUNSELING

- Active Parenting
- Problem Solving Skills in Action
- Family Violence
- Lifer's Group
- Matrix Early Recovery Skills
- Matrix Relapse Prevention
- Moral Reconation Therapy
- Motivation for Change
- Reentry skills Building
- Sex Offender Psycho-Educational Program
- Special Mental Health Groups
- Thinking for a Change

### CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- Barbering
- Carpenter Apprentice
- Computer Operations
- Construction Worker
- Cook
- Custodial Maintenance
- Customer Service
- Electrician Helper
- Food Preparation
- Food Service
- Forklift Driver
- General Clerk
- Grounds Keeping
- Horticulture
- Kitchen Helper
- Laundry Services
- Library Aide
- Maintenance
- Painter
- Plumber Helper
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Teacher's Aide
- Veterinarian Assistant
- Warehouse Management
- Welding